Cause and Effect Handout

Underline the causes in red and the effects in blue.

1. Sam was able to build a big sandcastle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_because

it was a windy day.

3. Cassidy fell on the ground\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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lunchtime, he was starving.

5. Hunter and his friends dug in the dirt. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Use the statements below to complete the cause and effect sentences above.

They found many fossils.

when she tripped over the rock.

Morgan’s kite flew high in the sky

because he brought his shovel and pail to the beach.

Jacob did not each much breakfast.

Underline the causes in red and the effects in blue. Be on the lookout for more than one cause or effect.

6. Kevin ate four pieces of pizza and three bowls of ice cream. He stayed in bed for the rest of the day with a stomachache.

7. Our newspaper was wet this morning because the newspaper boy forgot to put our paper in a bag and it started to rain.

8. Ross overslept today so he missed the bus and was late for school.

9. Diana walked dogs for her neighbors for $2.00 a walk. She saved her money to buy a new doll she had been wanting for months.

10. Mark went to every swim lesson and practiced swimming every day. He won first place at the swim meet.

Read the story. After you have finished reading, go back and underline the causes in red and the effects

in blue.

**Leo the Lion**

Leo the Lion was a very brave lion. He was only afraid of one thing: mice. Even

though he was bigger and stronger than any mouse around, he had always been afraid

of them. One day, as he was walking through the jungle, Leo heard an unusual sound.

It sounded like, “Eeeeeee” followed by “Thump.” Since he had never heard that sound

before, he decided to go check it out. He listened carefully to see if he could tell which

direction the sound was coming from. “I think it’s coming from my left, so I will take the

path on the left,” Leo thought to himself.

Leo followed the path on the left, and he continued to hear the noise. What Leo

didn’t know, however, was that the path on the left was not safe to travel on. Right

away Leo tripped over a pile of rocks right in the middle of the path. As he was standing

up, he hit his head on a low tree branch. “Ouch!” he shouted. His shout scared the

monkeys in the tree, and they dropped their bananas right on top of Leo’s head.

At this point, Leo almost turned around to go back home, but he heard the sound

again. “Eeeeeee” followed by “Thump.” “I have to find out what that sound is!” Leo

thought as he began to walk along the path again. Suddenly, the path turned sharply to

the right. Leo wasn’t paying attention because he was still trying to wipe the bananas

off of his head. He didn’t turn to the right and began to roll down the side of the hill he

was on. He landed with a, “Thud” at the bottom of the hill.

Just then, a little mouse scampered by him. Leo would’ve run away, but he was

so sore from falling down the hill that he couldn’t stand up. He closed his eyes, and

before he knew it, he heard the sound again. “Eeeeeee” followed by “Thump.” But this

time, the sound was louder because it was coming from right where he was. He

opened his eyes and saw the mouse coming straight towards him. “Please don’t hurt

me Mr. Mouse!” Leo begged.

“Hurt you? I’m not going to hurt you. I’m just going to move you out of the way.

If you stay here, some other animal will come rolling down that hill and bump into you.”

Then the mouse grabbed the lion by his mane and pulled him to the side of the path.

“Eeeeeee,” the mouse squealed as he dragged Leo out of the way. “Thump!” went Leo

as the mouse set him down. “I really need to go up the hill and make that path safer.

Animals have been falling down this hill all day long, and my arms are tired from moving

them out of the way!”

Leo looked around, and sure enough, he saw many of his jungle friends sitting on

the side of the path, all scratched and bruised from falling down the hill. Leo realized

that there was really nothing scary about a mouse. And he knew that from then on, if he

heard, “Eeeeeee” followed by “Thump,” Mr. Mouse needed his help clearing the path on

the hill.